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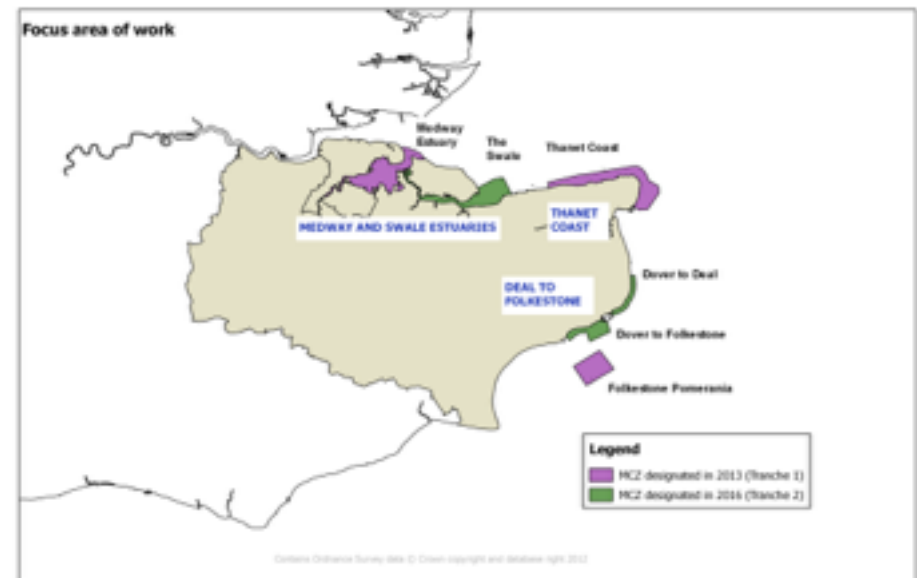
Kent Wildlife Trust is the leading wildlife conservation charity

for Kent
over



and Medway, with
30,000 members.

The *Guardians of the Deep* project is a partnership between Kent Wildlife Trust, Thanet District Council, Medway Swale Estuary Partnership and Kent County Council. It will involve local people in the protection and monitoring of Kent's coastal wildlife, and get young people excited about marine wildlife through a programme of snorkelling activities and practical learning opportunities at coastal sites around the county.



The project will aim specifically along three stretches of coastline, encompassing the newly designated Marine Conservation Zones –

Medway and Swale Estuaries, Thanet Coast, Dover to Deal and Dover to Folkestone.



activities within the project will raise awareness of the wildlife importance of these three areas of the Kent coast and involve volunteers in helping to protect them and promote their enjoyment.

Coastal Guardians

Creation of a self-sustaining Coastal Guardian network – individuals and groups of volunteers who oversee a stretch of coastline near where they live, promoting the wise-use and enjoyment of these areas.



Undersea Explorers

Workshops to teach young people snorkelling and water safety skills in swimming pools decorated with submersible ‘marine habitat’ props, which will help them understand the importance and fragility of marine life.



WildBeach

A programme of activities aimed at schools, along the lines of Forest Schools, but focusing on the marine environment.

Opportunities to learn about the marine environment, its value as a home for wildlife and the challenges associated with protecting it.

Coastal Connections

Work with organisations responsible for protection of marine environments, and other like-minded organisations, to build awareness of, and support for, the importance of sustainable use of our marine environment.



Involving everyone in helping to promote and protect Kent’s marine environment through a variety of innovative engagement activities and online initiatives.

Coastal Citizen Science

Training to enable local people to take a direct role to help conserve their local natural coastal heritage.

Establishment of a north Kent Coastbusters team, extending the Thanet Coast’s extremely successful pilot Pacific oyster control programme.



Monthly survey events for volunteers to record marine wildlife around the Kent coast, with records provided to statutory bodies, to help monitor the condition of sites.